

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY BAND BOARD MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 9, 2008

Call to order/attendance

In Attendance:

Carter Adler  
Trudy Adler  
Trinka Benedict  
Beth Askew  
Nathan Sparks  
Marge Taylor  
Jerry Robbins  
Alan Aldworth  
Paul Vaughan  
Howard Fillmore  
Aaron Taratsas

Absent:

Sandy Wagner  
Jim Wagner  
Rebecca Cheskidov

Approve minutes from May: Approved

Agenda: Discussed and approved.

Reports:

- President (Carter)

New Band Secretary- chosen randomly:

5 voting members who were not chairs of committees picked numbers. The closest to the Carter's number (17) became secretary. Trinka Benedict (13) is now secretary.

Board meeting dates and location(s):

It was agreed to continue to hold Board meetings at Lake Shore's Clubhouse on the Second Monday of Every Month at 7:30.

2009 General band meeting:

The possibility of having Business Meeting on a Board-meeting night, in combination with a social event of some sort before the end of the calendar year was discussed.

Personnel/Membership: (Trudy) to work on that.

- Treasurer (Alan):

Nothing to report yet (Baton not officially passed); According to Nathan: We're on the 'plus side'. Alan and Nathan arranged to go to the bank and get the account transferred.

We were briefly introduced to "Kat" of the Lakeshore Apartments.

- Secretary:

Nothing of substance to report- only had the job a half hour at this point.

- Conductor (Jerry):

Conductor's report, "Good stuff from the fiscal year", was passed out and reviewed. This should be available online soon.

December 2008 rehearsal schedule (16th, 23rd, 30th):

Both positive (less pressure on rehearsals come Jan. and Feb., lips stay limber) and negative (people may be traveling for holidays, library committee would like a breather to catch up) sides of rehearsing on these dates were discussed, along with the possibility of 'splitting the difference' and incorporating a social event.

\*Motion:

Cancel Dec. 23 and Dec 30, 2008 rehearsals (near holidays) and we will use the Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to pass out 2-3 of the more difficult pieces for the next concert (run through) and a holiday party. (Paul and Trudy looking into places to hold the party or cater it) (Nathan, Trudy), Pass: 8-0-0

- Business Manager (Paul)

Review questionnaire results:

62 given out, 31 returned (50%)

Generally responses were positive. (Averages were in the 8's)

Our "Performance overall": 8.68

Issues to work on:

Band talking during leaders/speakers;

Board members need to be more accessible and visible.

Ideas for solutions:

Look to Section Leaders to quiet the sections;

Bulletin board for could be put up for announcements at WLHS. (Jerry has talked to the WLHS conductor (Michael Curby) and Paul is checking with Facilities).

Survey will be posted for the band

**Homework: Think of more solutions for issues raised by survey.**

Review rehearsal location:

WLHS has signed on for letting us use their facilities for another year!

Paul now has keys and security code. We will be restricted to using the door near the loading dock and the restrooms on the stage (people may need to be shown where these are).

Review rehearsal and performance schedule: (discussed during Conductor's report)

Update on non-profit status:

We are now registered for future non-profit mailings. This is only valid for mailings from the Ypsilanti (the branch on Adams) and Ann Arbor (the Stadium branch) Post Offices.

Review Clarkston and Yankee Air Museum concerts:

Clarkston had a head count of 43.

Ypsilanti Air Museum had a headcount of 51.

Overall the Clarkston and Ypsilanti Air Museum concerts were considered learning experiences due to each having several last minute changes involving a variety of items from what we were playing to when we were playing it.

Propose concert with WLHS Band in April 2009:

The WLHS Conductor has to turn in his concert schedule far ahead and has us as a possible combined concert in April 2009, possibly the Tuesday after the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April in 2009.

Propose concert in/near Ypsilanti with Clarkston Community Band in May 2009:

There was discussion of the need to work on getting other bands to come to us.

Announcement:

Governor Jennifer Granholm and William Anderson, The Director of History, Arts and Libraries \*may\* be attending our December 11<sup>th</sup> concert. (This was unverified at time of meeting- it has since been confirmed) The governor will make a presentation regarding a state proclamation of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ypsilanti Community Band

July 2, 2008 concert press has started for us. Paul has finalized the parking and set up- GET THERE EARLY!

At 6 PM an ensemble group is needed to perform for the flag raising (Star Spangled Banner) Paul will check on the Parking passes.

- Fundraising (Rebecca- Absent)

According to an email the annual fundraising mailing went out.

The pie sale is off unless rescheduled (probably Milan).

2008-09 program advertisements (prices, when due, etc.) See Emily

- Publicity (Marge)

Marge will talk with Carter and put in an appeal for immediate help and new committee members at the June 10<sup>th</sup> rehearsal.

Marge is making attempts to get a meeting with Ariel (Toews) Ricotta of the Ypsilanti Community Choir to coordinate the "Yule in Ypsi"

- Personnel (Trudy)

Recruiting plan is scheduled to be worked on at the Personnel committee meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

This is intended as a strategy session for creating a recruiting plan.

Some ideas for this were discussed:

Contacting Mike O'Lynger) at the Association for Apartment Complexes;

Placing ads in the Ypsilanti Press;

Placing ads in the Ann Arbor News;

Placing ads in the Observer

Paul is in Contact with George Thompson for tubas

Encourage the Section Leaders to welcome new members

Jerry is still being contacted by the Ann Arbor Civic band for help. If we help them out, we may be able to encourage them to help us in kind.

Jerry is to forward to Trudy a list of people who have been introduced to the band already.

Trudy is working on/plans to promote:

Carpooling

Social events

Contacting High School Directors

Welcome letters to new members

Birthday cards for August

Name tags

New cards for new members

Password protection was discussed for the information on the roster.

How is reimbursement done? Give receipt and what it is for to the treasurer.

Because it is a 'Slack time' in attendance due to people vacationing, Jerry suggested we take time off between the Heritage Festival and Labor Day 2008.

\*Motion:

Take August 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of 2008 off due to slack time in attendance due to vacations.  
(Aaron, Nathan), Pass (8-0-0)

- Property (Aaron)

We have acquired:

- Music stands (Qty: 25)
- Music stand carrier/holders (Qty: 2)
- One pair of bongos
- 2 Pair of congas (The first set was damaged in delivery- they replaced them but did not want the damaged ones back- so we now have a free pair!)

We have ordered:

- Music Stand lights (Qty: 80 @ 7.95 each)
- Batteries (250 AA batteries at \$70.00)

We need:

-A Priority list from everyone (ex: scanner for library, trailer for equipment) for the next regular board meeting.

- Library (Sandy- Absent)

There has been no meeting of the library committee yet. Attempts to contact chair have been made.

Nathan will make announcement regarding the need for more library committee members.

- Awards (Paul)

Standard meeting for The Harold Goodsmen Award will be held in September.

- Budget (Paul)

Present 2008-09 budget for approval (Paul)

A tentative Budget was prepared and changes were discussed:

- If we have the pie sale in Milan it should be reflected
- An amount should be set aside for bank fees- should we ever need it (\$50)
- Aaron suggested an amount should be set aside for web costs (\$50)
- Strike the word "bribes" for "Facilitating payments"☺
- Should we change our deal with U-Haul?- They are giving us a deal.

A real budget will be prepared and circulated for review and a short meeting to discuss its approval will be held after rehearsal on June 24, 2008.

\*Motion:

Authorize temporary expenditures of \$630.00 to pay for the stand lights and batteries. (Trudy, Beth), Pass (8-0-0)

- Website (Carter)

Added .ORG (thanks Aaron!)

- Band Shell (Jerry)

Jerry brought the committee up to date on where we stand regarding the 5 year plan to have a permanent place (Band Shell) for outside concerts during the summer seasons. Jerry worked to get Erik Dotzauer from the Depot Town Community Development Corporation particulars for the size and shape of a band shell for the construction of one in Riverside and/or Frog Island parks. The Draft Plan was approved by the Corporation, the Ypsilanti Recreation Committee, and the City Council. The Depot Town Community Development Corporation has put the band shell as the “#2 priority” right behind the dock stage replacement/repair. WCC is providing the labor from their Construction Program to help with the dock stage’s manufacture. Jerry is looking into getting the same contribution for the band shell construction as well as applying for grants for fundraising. A series of concerts in '09 was discussed and we may do it if there is a shell to play in. Money is an issue with this project and it is likely that we will need to do a fundraiser to get the Band Shell project into fruition.

Carter asked Nathan, John or Howard if they would spearhead the fundraising for this.

Jerry will check with Erik Dotzauer about the needs for fundraising.

Homework: Think of a fundraising idea for the band shell.

- "Yule in Ypsi" (Marge)

No news regarding Yule in Ypsi (Marge will be recruiting for help with committee- see above “– Publicity”)

Old Business:

YCB 30th anniversary- See Paul’s announcement in The Business manager report.

New Business:

Update instrumentation targets in "Guidelines/Handbook" to 7 for percussion (Jerry)

\*Motion:

Update instrumentation totals by raising the percussion total from 5 to 7, therefore raising the total for the entire band from 85 to 87. (Aaron, Nathan) Pass 8-0-0.

Adopt 1-year plan for 2008-09 (Jerry)

\*Motion:

Adopt the 1-yr plan for 2008-9. (Nathan, Trudy) Pass (8-0-0)

A special meeting will be held for the Board of Directors after the June 24<sup>th</sup> rehearsal to review and approve the 2008-2009 budget.

Meeting Adjourned 9:37 P.M.